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Obama urges 'soulsearching' after black teen's killing

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama Friday called for national "soulsearching" over the killing of an unarmed black teenager by a white volunteer guard, as new tensions flare over the divisive issue of race.

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"If I had a son he would look like Trayvon," Obama, the country's first African American president, told reporters, saying the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin was a "tragedy."

"I think all of us have to do soul searching to figure out how does something like this happen and that means we examine the laws and the context for what happened," he added, carefully weighing his words in an emotional response when asked about the incident.

Up to 20,000 people demanding justice rallied late Thursday in the Florida town of Sanford where Martin was shot dead by volunteer neighborhood watch guard George Zimmerman in late February in a gated community.

The mostly African American crowd demanded the arrest of Zimmerman, who claims he acted in self-defense after a confrontation with the teenager. Zimmerman has been neither detained nor charged with any crime.

Protesters have claimed that Martin's killing is just the last example of racial profiling and unjust treatment of blacks by the country's criminal justice system.

An online petition has gathered more than a million signatures following Martin's fatal shooting on February 26, and the Department of Justice has launched an investigation into the events.

The FBI, the state attorney's office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement are also investigating the case.

Local police say they believe Zimmerman cannot be prosecuted thanks to a Florida law that lets state residents use lethal force in selfdefense.

ATA Presents new director for North American market



Neville Every, new Director for North American region

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Phillips for 10 years where he

occupied various key posi-

tions in different countries

like, Brazil, the US and

Panama. While working

Neville Every continued to

study and obtained the

diploma of "Registered

Comptroller" from the Uni-

Neville Every has served in

the Phillips Management

of Amsterdam.

versity

Just recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) proudly announced their new Director for the North American region who is to take office as of April 2012. After an extensive search for the right person to lead the biggest tourism market for Aruba, and evaluating a long list of candidates who applied for the position, they finally decided who will lead this important market.

The Aruban, Neville Every, who has lived many years abroad, decided to respond to the challenge and will soon move to New Jersey where ATA's North American office is located. After completing high school at Colegio Arubano, Neville went to Holland to further his education. In Holland he obtained a Master of Science degree in economics at the Erasmus University. He then became employed at Philips in Holland which was the start of his professional caTeam for six years. He has recently served as Chief Financial Officer for the Northwest Latin American section of Phillips in Panama.

Because of Neville

of Neville Every's ample experience, he will be in charge of structuring the US ATA office and focus on the integration of all Aruba partners in this very important market. He will be responsible for taking on the impending challenges for 2012. Every will reinforce ATA's very experienced tourism team, key people in the US market like former director of ATA North America, Charly Ibarra; Miss Theresita Chai in charge of marketing Aruba in North America; and veteran Adwina Arends. Adwina Arends is currently the corporate advertising manager for the US market.

Neville Every will go through a transitional period where he will be guided by different partners in the market such as Scott Wiggins who will provide him with a view of the dynamics and tendencies of the North American market.

Aruba Tourism Authority welcomed Neville Every. Every demonstrated his great enthusiasm and delight to be able to work for his country. The Morning News joins with ATA and Aruba in welcoming Neville Every to his new job





Aruba says thank you!



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple, whom are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba at the Marriott Surf Club, as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 consecutive years.

The honorees are Mr. John and Mrs. Cheryl Dinihanian

from Waterbury CT. John and Cheryl are loyal members of the Marriott Surf Club and they love the Island very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants and all other activities that the island has to offer.

The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ms. Luzdary Leest representing the Marriott Surf Club.



Loot or World Treasure:

Guest lecturers examine the dilemma of intellectual property and library collections



Profs Cirillo and Hepburn, Uof A life studies, Astrid Britten and Ronny Alders

The Faculty of Life Studies welcomed two guest lecturers from the U.S. for a presentation in the University of Aruba auditorium on Thursday evening regarding the role institution may play in the dissemination of educational materials, or as the debate suggests: the theft of a nation's intellectual birthright.

The case in point: the acquisition of two collections by the University of Illinois, Chicago campus (UIC) library, The Carberry Collection from Jamaican National Poet H.D. Carberry, which was sold to the library by his widow, and a vast collection of documents, diaries and drawing from the founding of Sierra Leone by abolitionists in 1787, as a refuge for escaped and freed slaves.

Debating the issue were

Associate Professor Emirita Nancy Cirillo of the English Department, UIC, now retired, and Peter Hepburn, a Digitalization Librarian at the Richard J. Daley Library, UIC. They were brought to Aruba through the efforts of Ronny Alders of the Aruba National Library and its Director, Astrid Britten, with the lecture facilitated by the Faculty of Life Studies at the U of A.

The implications of the

long established policies of "conquering" countries or arrogant explorers and historians appropriating and exporting objects which could most definitely be considered the cultural heritage of the host nation, poses moral and intellectual dilemmas for curators and librarians; particularly when those origins are not respected in offering the materials for observation and study.

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Siegfried Dumfries appointed director of Department of Culture



The Department of Culture now has a new Director to help lead this department to the next level. This department is the fundamental base which helps identify the island and its particular characteristics and culture. The Department of Culture has had its share of turbulance for quite some time. The government instituted various changes in an effort to find a solution for the turbulance that existed. The government is now pleased

with the results of their efforts.

After placing an internal solicitud for applications for the position of Director, several applications were received from within the government's apparatus. The search went out for someone with adequate academic training and a particular aptitude for working with people. The choice went out to Drs. Siegfried Dumfries.

Dumfries is currently employed at the Department of Human Resources. He is also member of the board of Stichting Schouwburg Aruba. Siegfried Dumfries is a graduate of the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam where he received his degree in Social-Cultural Studies and a degree in Personnel Organization



and Training from the Academie Mens en Arbeid Hogeschool Ijsselland in Deventer, Holland. Dumfries was also involved in the reorganization of the Department of Culture in 2006.

Siegfried Dumfries indicated that ..."I'm happy to work with you ...and together we will work on achieving the goals according to the plan of action. We will accomplish great things for the culture of our country."

The government congratulated Dumfries with his new appointment and wished him much success in his new career filled with challenges.

Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar assured the new Director of her total support.



Loot or World Treasure...

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Professor Cirillo cited the case of friezes which originally adorned the Parthenon as a classic example, put on display in the British Museum in the 1880's; Greek scholars and the government have long insisted upon their return, to no avail. The point was made in the Carberry Collection that in this case the books were legitimately purchased by UIC from Carberry's widow. They include many rare first editions, including two by Nobel Laureates, and almost all are inscribed by the authors, giving them additional interest and value. They are a testament to the growth of intellectualism and literary accomplishment in the Caribbean regarding writing and publishing in English, as well as providing a window into the culture of the various islands, along with the personal search for identity and societal struggles.

The Jamaica National Library would have preferred them to be donated, and refused first option for purchase as the cost was too great, but a widow has concerns for her welfare, and their value brought the interest of larger libraries around the world with the money to buy this rare collection, and so they were acquired by UIC. With some fanfare, including the presence of Carbarry's widow, the collection was unveiled, during which she exhorted the library to "love and respect" the works as they deserved.

Both Cirillo and Hepburn did express their dismay in that this final wish is not

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being observed; rather than being kept intact for the historical and intellectual value the collection represents, it has been broken up and filed among many other books according to the Library of Congress System, a policy which again generates controversy and moral questions among scholars.

Making copies to donate to the Jamaica library is not as simple a solution as one would think, as copyright laws prevent this; the question of digital dissemination via Internet is also a thorny problem. The books themselves are kept in a rare book room, and so cannot leave the premises and must be read and studied within it confines. The combination of these factors prevents them from being used for undergraduate studies or added to book lists, begging the question: will their scholarly enlightenment only appreciated by a very determined few working on a thesis? Doubtlessly, this is an esoteric issue, but one that plagues curators and librarians around the world.

The Sierra Leone documents are fascinating and of an age that their distribution is not beleaguered by copyright concerns, but only a fraction of the materials have yet been digitalized and made available. So again, the question of doing the collections justice is a matter for consideration.

Astrid Britten and Ronny Alders thanked Professors Cirillo and Hepburn for their enlightening lecture while presenting them with gifts of locally published works in gratitude for taking the time, and for future projects. Professor Cirillo is part of a team working on a major exhibition regarding slavery that is expected to open in Chicago soon and Mr. Alders expressed the hope they may be able to bring the exhibit to Aruba.

By Rosalie Klein



Barbados Minister is keynote speaker for ATIA's General Assembly meeting

The invited guest speaker

for this occasion will be the



Minister Dr. Esther Byer-Suckoo

The doors are about ready to swing open for ATIA's General Assembly Meeting to be held here at the Aruba Surfside Marina on March 29th at 5:00pm. The theme for this meeting will be "Social Dialogue," which the organizers consider to be a very relevant and important topic for Aruba at this time.

actual Minister of Labor and Social Security of the island nation of Barbados. The Barbados Minister, Dr. Esther Byer-Suckoo has ample experience and knowledge of Social Dialogue and will be sharing her expertise with ATIA members. Minister Byer-Suckoo is a Barbadian born national. In 1987 she won the "Government Exhibition" after which she continued to study medicine at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies and in 1993 she graduated with her medical doctor's degree.

Dr. Byer-Suckoo worked for three years at what is considered the best hospital on the island, namely, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. In January 1997 she established the Ellerton Medical Center in her city where she worked all alone until her election to Parliament by the constitution of St. George South in 2008 during the country's general elections. Bver-Suckoo lived for 3 years in Malawi, where she labored as a missionary doctor. Byer-Suckoo also spent some time as a missionary doctor in Uganda in 2005.

Among the Dr's many interests are: hiking, travelling, reading and participating at medical missions. She is also very interested in the devel-

opment of resources for youth and people in general. Esther Byer-Suckoo is a member of the Cub Scout and Youth Group Leader, a Sunday School teacher and member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Barbados Association of Medical Practitioners. Dr. Byer-Suckoo has also served her country as Secretary General and Vice President.

ATIA has also invited Aruba's Parliament President as speaker for the evening. Croes will speak at 7:30pm. Croes's speech will be followed by the discourse by the honorable Dr. Esther Byer-Suckoo at 7:50pm. Both speakers will address the issue of the importance of dialogue, political dialogue as well as in the development of business in general. At 8:30 pm everyone will be invited to the cocktail party where members will have the opportunity to mingle and exchange conversation with each other

For questions or other information regarding this important General Assembly meeting, members are free to contact ATIA directly or through email at aura@atiaruba.org or at www.atiaruba.org or via www.facebook.com/atia.aruba . ATIA expects a full turn out by all their esteemed members.



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US fans gorge on 'Hunger Games,' vying for record

LOS ANGELES (AFP) -Young US movie fans flocked to midnight screenings of teen cinema phenomenon "The Hunger Games" early Friday, as the movie vies to set a US box office record this weekend.

The post-apocalyptic film was already in the top three for advance sales, according to online retailer Fandango, which was selling 10 tickets for the movie every second, with 2,500 screenings already sold out before it opened.

"A lot of people came for the premiere and this is only the first movie, so the next ones are going to be bigger and bigger," said 18-year-old high school student Natasha McClellan, before a midnight screening in Los Angeles.

Teacher Daniela Perry, 32, added: "I'm expecting to cry in this movie. There's some really emotional parts, some kids die. In the book they describe it in such a beautiful way,

so I'm expecting to see that.
"I cried during the book," she told AFP.

"The Hunger Games" is based on the thriller of the same name by US novelist Suzanne Collins, part of a trilogy that has sold 30 million copies worldwide, the latest teen publishing phenomenon in the wake of the "Twilight"

Set in Panem, a fictional land born of the ashes of a ruined North America, the film stars Jennifer Lawrence as a young girl forced to fight for her life in a Roman circus-style televised blood sport -- known as "The Hunger Games."

Hyped by marketers as a potential new "Twilight" or "Harry Potter," the movie hit screens in France and across much of Europe on Wednesday, followed by a global release on Thursday and Friday.

By Thursday afternoon, the movie was Fandango's third all-time biggest advance ticket seller, behind 2009's "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" and last year's series-ending "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2."

The two biggest-grossing openers were both summer

releases: the last Harry Potter film took \$169 million in its first weekend, followed by

"The Dark Knight" with \$158 million, according to figures released by Box Office Mojo.

Early Friday in Los Angeles, 27-year-old interior designer Heather Hewitt -- at a read all three of the books.

midnight screening with five girl friends -- said she had



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

International News

US soldier formally charged with 17 murders

Kabul (AFP) - A US soldier was formally charged Friday with 17 premeditated murders of civilians in an Afghanistan village, US forces said in Kabul after a massacre that further strained the countries' frayed relationship.

Staff Sergeant Robert Bales, of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry, was also accused of six counts of assault and attempted murder in the Panjwai district of Kandahar province earlier this month.

Responding to the charges a spokesman for Afghan President Hamid Karzai said: "We want justice and we want it as soon as possible."

In a statement the US military said that under its legal code, "the maximum possible punishment for a premeditated murder conviction is a dishonourable discharge from the Armed Forces, reduction to the lowest enlisted grade, total forfeiture of pay and allowances, and death".

The mandatory minimum sentence is life imprisonment with the possibility of parole, it added.

There are six US service-

men currently on military death row, officials said, but the last execution was more than 50 years ago.

Bales, 38, is currently being held at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas, and a US forces spokesman said it was "more than likely" be held in 18-24 months and in the United Statesthe, although the decision would be made later in the process.

But furious relatives of the victims have demanded proceedings take place in Afghanistan.

The massacre has deepened a sense of crisis in the NATO mission and renewed questions about the effect of protracted ground wars on America's stretched force, becoming just the latest in a series of damaging setbacks since January.

The next stage in the Bales case will be for him to appear before a so-called Article 32 hearing, which will decide whether to proceed with a court-martial -- but the military has almost four months in which hold it.

The soldier's lawyer, John

Henry Browne, who visited his client for the first time this week, has told reporters that Bales suffered from amnesia.

The lawyer said he could pursue the case on the grounds of "diminished capacity" due to an emotional breakdown.

A decorated veteran who served three times in Iraq before deploying to Afghanistan in December, Bales suffered a traumatic brain injury during a road accident in Iraq.

Military officers and experts, however, say there is no firm scientific evidence that shows brain injuries cause violent behaviour.

Bales' lawyer said his client was recently under stress, which was heightened when he saw a fellow soldier seriously wounded.

Bales and his wife were reportedly also facing financial problems, with news reports saying he owes \$1.5 million from a 2003 arbitration ruling in which he was found guilty of securities fraud.

A US official told AFP that the murder victims were nine children, four women and four men, with four children, one man and one woman wounded.

Pope slams 'evil' of Mexico drug gangs



Leon (AFP) - Pope Benedict XVI called Friday for a fight against the "evil" of drug gangs in violence-plagued Mexico and "new models" in communist Cuba, on his first trip to Spanish-speaking Latin America.

"We must do everything possible to fight this evil which destroys our young," Benedict told reporters while on the plane due to land in Mexico's central state of Guanajuato Friday afternoon, referring to drug gangs blamed for violence which has left some 50,000 dead in five years.

years.
"We must unmask this evil, these false promises and lies," Benedict said, as many in Mexico waited for a message of peace.

In only his second trip to the world's most Catholic continent, the pontiff, who turns 85 next month, will visit Silao, Leon and Guanajuato in Mexico until Monday and then spend two days in Cuba, in Santiago de Cuba and Havana.

In overwhelmingly Catholic Mexico -- where 84 percent of the population has been baptized -- the pope was expected to tackle what the Church sees as threats to family values, as well as the rise of rival religious movements.

"Our duty, our great responsibility, is... to teach our young moral responsibility" and turn them away from "the worship of money which enslaves men," he said.

A massive billboard wel-

A massive billboard welcoming the pope stood outside Guanajuato international airport, where 3,500 guests, including mariachi musicians, traditional dancers and President Felipe Calderon were to greet the pope.

"The pope is arriving today, smile!" shouted dozens of youths lining up under the hot sun to welcome the Popemobile on its journey from the airport to the city of Leon.

Some 700,000 visitors were expected in the region for the sixth papal visit to Mexico, after five by John Paul II, who was highly revered here.

"We're happy. We know that the message the pope is bringing is that something must change and hopefully this change will benefit families and society," said Sister Rocio Garcia, rector of the Miraflores college in Leon that will host the pope.

Mexican authorities promised maximum security, with some 5,400 security forces deployed, while the archbishop of Leon even called on local drug gangs to agree to a truce.

Two men nabbed in Brazil for allegedly inciting violence

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) -Two men were arrested in the southern Brazilian city of Curitiba for allegedly inciting violence and racism via the Internet and for planning to kill students at a Brasilia university, police said Friday.

Marcelo Vale, a 29-year-old computer technician, and Emerson Eduardo Rodrigues, a former student at the University of Brasilia UnB, were picked up as part of "Operation Intolerance" launched five months ago and were linked to the racist website "silvioko-

erich.org" hosted by a server in Malaysia.

The site, which features pictures of beheaded women, urged violence and discrimination against women, blacks, residents of Brazil's impoverished northeast, homosexuals and Jews.

It also called for "legalization of pedophilia" and expressed support for Wellington Menezes de Oliveira, the 23-year-old who shot and killed 12 students in April last year at the Realengo school in northern Rio before being gunned

down by police.

Police said they were investigating possible links between De Oliveira Wellington and the pair running the racist website who used extracts from a letter found on Wellington after his death such as "the impure cannot touch me."

The two suspects could be sentenced to six years in jail, police said.

A text posted March 12 hinted that Vale et Rodrigues had planned to kill students at a social sciences class at UnB in Brasilia.

"I am counting the days, the bullets. I am dreaming of screaming whores and leftists imploring me to stay alive," one extract said.

Police found a map of the classroom where the UnB students congregate at the home of one of the suspects.

The website of the non-governmental organization SaferNet which monitors incitement to violence and racism in Brazil last week recorded nearly 70,000 comp l a i n t s a g a i n s t silviokoerich.org.



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Patients with dementia are fighting a losing battle: there is no possible recovery from the disease that afflicts the brain. The syndrome causes a lot of distress, not only for the patients themselves, but also for the people who are close to them. A change in behavior, hallucinations, the slow process of losing manners and decorum belong to the symptoms. However, with the right stimuli, with exercises and games, the process may be slowed down a little. At Cas-Marie, the meeting point for patients with dementia and

their family members and friends, dementia is viewed as a disease that one has to learn to live with in the best possible The former Mariniers home at the entrance of the base is a place where meetings are held, talks are given, information is doled out and where, more importantly, people with dementia find a warm and loving environment where they can spend their days.

CasMarie is the recipient of an upcoming charity golf event organized by Arion Wine

Company. The tournament is held at Tierra del Sol on Saturday, March 31st and it is called the Wente Vineyards/PapiamentoGolf Tournament. The money that the tournament generates, will come in good stead to alleviate the suffering of the Cas-Marie clients.

Pasadia is the name given for the opportunity to spend three days a week. The days are filled with activities varying from making music, doing exercises, making handicrafts, playing dominoes, singing and playing memory games, like one with photographs of fellow-patients whose names guessed. On should be Wednesdays the Memory group comes to CasMarie. This group is made up of early-stage dementia patients, who receive support, exercise and social interaction during this difficult phase of acknowledging the decline of mental faculties. Group activities take place from 7.30 am until 3.30 and lunch is included for Pasadia and Memory patients.

Dementia creeps up on people: it starts in a hardly noticeable way and memory loss and decreased mobility are often attributed to old age and therefore diagnosed late. Vascular dementia has afflicted many people on Aruba, as unhealthy eating habits, extra weight, smoking, alcohol use and diabetes make easy targets. More than 70 varieties of dementia are known, of which Parkinson's disease is best-known.

In 2006 CasMarie was founded with aid from the Netherlands. Nowadays the government supports the exploitation of the home, where 28 patients and their families find a daily dose of sunshine, a lot of support and a sounding board. Volunteers are needed to help start and tend a vegetable and herb garden, help out in the kitchen and assist the patients. A nurse, a nutritionist and an attendant for the elderly plus a psychologist are the team behind the daily care that is given at CasMarie.

If you would be interested to become a volunteer for a few hours a week at CasMarie, or if you have any questions regarding dementia, please call CasMarie at 584-3375/569-6910. The address is Savaneta 532-A.

Romney, Republicans rip 'Obamacare' on anniversary



WASHINGTON - Republicans vented their frustration with President Barack Obama's health care reform Friday on its second anniversary, with Mitt Romney blasting the law as an "unfolding disaster for the American economy."

Romney's rival in the Republican presidential race, former House speaker Newt Gingrich, also weighed in, savaging the two-year-old law as "the most dangerous legislation in generations."

The Affordable Care Act, passed after a bitter struggle against blanket Republican opposition in 2010, granted 30 million Americans health insurance for the first time,

bringing universal coverage closer than ever before.

The law ,if you have health insurance, will benefit from steps to stop insurance companies from cancelling your coverage if you get sick and require them to cover your out-of-pocket costs, it also supports programs that will help increase the number of primary care physicians, nurses, physician assistants and other health care professionals.

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2001-2010 warmest decade on record: WMO



(AFP) - Climate change has accelerated in the past decade, the UN weather agency said Friday, releasing data showing that 2001 to 2010 was the warmest decade on record.

The 10-year period was also marked by extreme levels of rain or snowfall, leading to significant flooding on all continents, while droughts affected parts of East Africa and North America.

"The decade 2001-2010 was the warmest since records began in 1850, with global land and sea surface temperatures estimated at 0.46 degrees Celsius above the long term average of 14.0 degrees Celsius (57.2 degrees Fahrenheit)," said the World Meteorological Organisation.

Nine of the 10 years also counted among the 10 warmest on record, it added, noting that "climate change accelerated" during the first decade of the 21st century.

The trend continued in 2011, which was the warmest year on record despite La Nina -- a weather pattern which has a cooling effect.

The average temperature in 2011 was 0.40 degrees Celsius above the long term average, said the WMO.

"This 2011 annual assessment confirms the findings of the previous WMO annual statements that climate change is happening now and is not some distant future threat," said WMO Secretary-General Michel Jarraud.

"The world is warming because of human activities and this is resulting in far-reaching and potentially irreversible impacts on our Earth, atmosphere and oceans," he added.

The UN weather agency noted that during the decade, "numerous weather and climate extremes affected almost every part of the globe with flooding, droughts, cyclones, heat waves and cold waves."

Historical floods hit Eastern Europe in 2001 and 2005, Africa in 2008, Asia and Australia in 2010. Global precipitation -- including rain or snow -- reached the second highest average since 1901. The highest average was recorded for the decade 1951-1960.

Meanwhile for the North Atlantic basin, the 10 years marked the highest level of tropical cyclone activity, including Hurricane Katrina which struck the United States in 2005 and Cyclone Nargis which hit Myanmar in 2008.

Experts urge stronger steps to prevent nuclear terror

SEOUL (AFP) - Nuclear experts at a forum Friday urged world leaders to take stronger steps to protect global atomic stockpiles from terrorists when they hold a major security meeting next week.

Leaders or top officials from 53 countries including US President Barack Obama will gather in Seoul Monday and Tuesday for the Nuclear Security Summit on safeguarding fissile material and reducing stockpiles.

Leaders agreed at the first such summit in Washington in 2010 to secure the most vulnerable nuclear materials from terrorists in four years.

But the experts, speaking at

a pre-summit Nuclear Security Symposium, urged them to set more tangible and measurable goals in Seoul.

"The bottom line is that the goal has been set by the leaders but that was not enough," said Miles Pomper, researcher for the James Martin Centre for Nonproliferation Studies in

"There is no definition of what 'security' meant... what 'vulnerable' meant and no way of verifying whether those goals were met," Pomper said, calling for a more ambitious goal of legally-binding initia-

Page Stoutland, vice president of the Nuclear Threat Initiative in Washington, said that despite the 2010 pledges, stockpiles of weapons-usable atomic material had increased in nations including India and Pakistan.

The experts discussed issues ranging from potential cyber attacks on nuclear facilities to the potential threat posed by nuclear-armed North

Graham Allison, director of Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, warned of a "catastrophic effect" should the North under its new young leader sell its atomic technology to terrorists.

Political gaffe revives US love affair with Etch A Sketch



(AFP) - It's the size of an iPad, but uses no batteries. and it's only got one app and thanks to a gaffe by a Mitt Romney aide, the venerable Etch A Sketch is suddenly the hottest toy around.

Sales of the red-framed, dual-dial doodling device rocketed Thursday after a key adviser to the front-running Republican presidential hopeful reinvented it as an unlikely political metaphor.

On Amazon.com orders for the classic Etch A Sketch model exploded 3,000 percent with a single day, putting it atop the online retailer's 'movers and shakers" list of top-trending toys and games.

The plastic Etch A Sketch first went on the market in 1960, a year after Ohio Art bought the design from the Frenchman who invented it, Andre Cassagnes, at a toy fair in Germany.

It fast became a hit among baby boomers, and remained in production as parents introduced their youngsters to its magic. Killgallon said "well over 150 million" have been

Resembling an old-fashion television set with its white knobs, it uses a system of internal pulleys to move a stylus that scratches an image on a thin layer of aluminum dust.

Flip the Etch A Sketch upside down, give it a shake, and presto! The screen is ready for a new drawing.

Debate still raging on site for SUPER-telescope JOHANNESBURG (AFP) -

An international consortium planning to build the world's most powerful radiotelescope is still debating whether South Africa or Australia should host the \$2 billion project, an official said Friday.

Scientists hope the Square Kilometre Array, or SKA. will shed new light on fundamental questions about the universe, including how it began, why it is expanding and whether it contains life beyond our planet.

The SKA board of directors met Monday in Manchester, England, where the project is headquartered, to discuss the still-secret recommendation of the best host for the hundreds of antennas that will pick up faint signals from across the universe.

The board on Monday agreed to pass the site recommendation to the members of the consortium, which is set to meet on April 3 in Amsterdam, it said in a statement on its website.

"It is not likely that this neeting will make a final decision on the site; rather it will be the start of a process of discussion and negotiation between the members," it said.

A decision had been expected on April 4.

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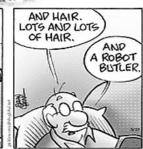
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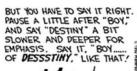




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Finance

Oil spikes on Iran fears; other markets hit by China data

LONDON (AFP) - Oil prices jumped late Friday on Iran supply tensions, but most commodities fell this week as worse-than-expected economic data from China and Europe stoked concerns over global demand.

Crude oil briefly surged, as traders seized on reports that Iranian exports were expected to fall this month, before trimming gains ahead of the weekend.

Most markets weighed down on Thursday by news that manufacturing activity in China, the world's number two economy, had hit a four-month low.

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The figures -- which come after Beijing reported a huge February trade deficit and leaders lowered their growth target for the year -- added fuel to fears that China's is losing its economy strength.

In more bad news, a composite PMI of manufacturing and services for the 17-nation eurozone by the Markit research firm fell more sharply than expected in March,

pointing to a recession.

The survey of 4,500 manufacturing and services firms slowed to 48.7 in March after reaching 49.3 in February.



Nigeria's finance minister to run for World Bank top job, Obama taps Korean-American



PRETORIA (AFP) - Nigeria's finance minister Friday ioined the race for the top World Bank job, backed by Africa's leading economies in a push for greater influence at global financial bodies dominated by rich nations.

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, unveiled her candidacy at a press conference in Pretoria, putting the weight of Africa's biggest economy and its two biggest oil producers behind

"I consider the World Bank a very important institution for the world and particularly for developing countries deserving of the best leadership," she said.

"So I look forward to a contest of very strong candidates, and am I confident? Absolutely.'

Okonjo-Iweala is a respected former World Bank managing director joined Nigeria's government

World Bank vision of fighting poverty with passion. issue is in what direction one must take this to make this the most beneficial, said.

The World Bank has 187 member nations and focuses its activities on development loans.

The United States on Friday named the president of a prestigious Ivy League college. Jim Yong Kim, to lead the World Bank, in a race challenged by developing country candidates.

"It's time for a development professional to lead the world's largest development agency," Obama said flanked by Kim, a Korean-American and the head of Dartmouth College.

The South Korean-born Kim is a Harvard-trained physician and former director of the department of HIV/AIDS at the World Health Organization, according to his biographies provided by the White House and Dartmouth.

He became the president of Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, in July 2009.

Born in 1959 in Seoul, Kim moved with his family

of five and grew up in Mus-

Kim earned a medical doctorate from Harvard Medical School in 1991 and a PhD in anthropology from Harvard University in 1993.

The United States's selection of Kim to lead the 187nation development lender makes him an instant favorite to get the bank's top job.

Under a tacit agreement since the World Bank and its sister institution the International Monetary Fund were founded, the United States always selects an American as World Bank president and Europe puts a European at the IMF helm.

That traditional arrangement has triggered outrage from developing and emergeconomies seeking greater representation to reflect their rising contributions to the global economy.

YESTERDAY'S

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F1 shares? No thanks, say team chiefs stave off extinction, making it SEPANG, Malaysia (AFP) -Team bosses Friday balked at crucial that rival outfits quickly decide how to keep the prospect of buying shares in Formula One -- and urged costs down.

swift cost-cutting reforms to "The fact is at the moment, stop cash-strapped competiwe all know in this room that tors going to the wall. there's a lot of Formula One Leaders of six Formula teams that are struggling to One outfits painted a bleak survive," Whitmarsh told a press conference after practice picture of team finances at the outwardly glitzy sport, whose for this weekend's Malaysian supremo Bernie Ecclestone is Grand Prix. reported to be considering a

"Which tells us we're not doing enough and that's why we've got to keep pushing it."

chief Ferrari Stefano Domenicali called it a "critical" time for many of the Europe-based teams.

"Thank God that our (Ferrari's) situation is very good in terms of our financial position for the future. But we know that the situation of Formula One is not so stable," Domenicali said.



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World bank nominee has colorful side



(AFP) - Singing rap, citing Buddhist teachings, and once dreaming of being a sports star, the likely next head of the World Bank may not be widely known -- but he's no faceless bureaucrat.

Korean-born Jim Yong Kim is the president of Ivy League Dartmouth College, a medical doctor and, above all, a renowned campaigner against AIDS and tuberculosis in some of the world's poorest regions.

The 52-year-old's CV glitters with prestigious posts at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, among others. An anthropologist, Kim is also one of the foremost actors in the kind of global health problems that are often seen as nearly hopeless

In the mid-1990s he worked in Peru to develop the first large-scale treatment of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in a poor country, a program now run in some 40 other nations.

Between 2003 and 2007 he also led a World Health Organization initiative to bring antiretroviral drugs to three million new HIV/AIDS patients in developing countries, while a nonprofit he cofounded, called Partners in Health, works with impoverished communities everywhere from Haiti to Russia.

That work has brought Kim fame in academia and global health institutions, but the bespectacled professor tapped by President Barack Obama to head the World Bank is virtually unknown to wider circles.

A closer examination reveals a passionate character prone to a surprising mix of the straight-laced and quirky.

From the day his parents brought him from South Korea to Muscatine, Iowa, at the age of five, Kim was the archetypal, breathtakingly high-achieving American immigrant.

At Muscatine High School he was all-American -- both class president and quarterback on the football team.

"My childhood dream job was that I would play quarterback either for the Minnesota Vikings or the Chicago Bears," he said in an interview last week on the Charlie Rose television show.

Kim's dentist father taught at Iowa University and his mother had a Ph.D. in philosophy, so not surprisingly the

young sports fan quickly veered to more cerebral pursuits, graduating first from prestigious Brown University, then Harvard Medical School, and finally earning a Harvard Ph.D. in anthropology.

Married to Younsook Lim, a pediatrician who has worked with HIV children in Africa, Kim talks movingly about his work in combating infectious diseases

Dealing with such misery, he said, was easier thanks to lessons learned from a Buddhist monk.

But thanks to his job at Dartmouth Dartmouth College as President, there's a racier aspect to this serious and outwardly placid man's life.

Kim's own partying might raise eyebrows among his more staid colleagues at the World Bank. Last year at the university's "Idol" music contest, the college president appeared in a studded white leather jacket, with fingerless gloves, spaceman glasses and glowstick bracelets, to rap alongside students.

"I came up in here to make it rock, light a fire, make it hot," he sings in a widely circulated video of the performance, while doing a robot dance.

From the cheering in the audience, it appears the probable future head of the World Bank stole the show.

Newly discovered Mozart piece performed in Salzburg - Austria



SALZBURG (AFP) - A newly discovered Mozart piano piece composed when the child prodigy was 11 years old was presented and performed for the first time here Friday in his former family home.

Simply titled "Allegro Molto," the piece was found recently in a notebook in the attic of a private home in Austria's Tyrol province.

Just a few minutes long, the piece is believed to have been composed in 1767 or 1768, but was later transcribed into this notebook, which is dated 1780, music expert Hildegard Herrmann-Schneider told a news conference.

"The name 'Del Signore Giovane Wolfgango Mozart' is incredibly clear," added Ulrich Leisinger, director of research at Salzburg's Mozarteum foundation.

This convinced researchers that the piece was indeed by the young music genius, even though the writing did not belong either to Mozart or his father Leopold.

It is thought to have been transcribed into the notebook by a close relative or friend.

Only Leopold Mozart used this name when writing down his son's compositions, according to Herrmann-Schneider, who found this latest piece while doing research work.

"It was a very lucky find," she said.

The 160-page notebook also contained several compositions by Leopold Mozart but only one by his son.

Austrian musician Florian Birsak, who performed the piece Friday on Mozart's own fortepiano, noted: "It's not just anyone's piece, there is already a touch of the great Mozart he later became."

This is not the first time a Mozart composition has been rediscovered in recent years. In 2006, one was found in the archives of the Salzburg archbishopry, and in 2009 in the Mozarteum's own archives.





Sheriff's deputies say a woman threw the 31-year-old reality TV star Kim Kardashian with flour during her arrivals at the launch party for her True Reflection perfume in the lobby of a hotel in West Hollywood, Calif.on March 22, 2012. He says after refusing the assistance of paramedics Kardashian returned to her room, removed the powder from her hair, changed clothing and returned to the event.



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Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun



aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.

Important recommendations:

•Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you

can't see through when held up to light.

•Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.

•Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sunscreen that is not waterproof.

•Use sunscreen even on



hazy or overcast days.

•Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.

 Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.

•Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender

•Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.

•Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.

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SPORTS

Formula One: Hamilton steals show in Malaysia



SEPANG (AFP) - Britain's Lewis Hamilton hogged the limelight Friday by topping both practice sessions as he bids to ignite his championship charge with victory at the Malaysian Grand Prix.

McLaren's 2008 world champion, who is yet to win at Sepang, scorched to 1min 38.021sec in the morning drive and he again led the way on a stifling afternoon with a time of 1:38.172.

Seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher. whose Mercedes has drawn attention for its innovative "W-duct" rear wing, was 0.361 adrift in the second session with McLaren's Jenson Button, the season's early points leader, third.

Schumacher's team-mate Nico Rosberg placed fourth with Toro Rosso's Daniel Ricciardo fifth. Ferrari's double world champion Fernando Alonso was sixth ahead of Red Bull driver Mark Webber.

Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel, who swept to his second straight world title last year, had a quiet afternoon and wound up 10th, 1.23sec off Hamilton's pace.

"There is still a lot to do," Vettel said. "The tyres drop off (wear) quite quickly here, which is the same for all the drivers, but I think we are sliding quite a bit and I would like the car to be a bit more stable.

"We made a good step today, the potential is there, but we need to get to it. We will see what we can do tomorrow."

Hamilton qualified quickest at last week's seasonopener in Australia but he eventually had to settle for third behind Button and Vettel, frustrating his bid to seize early control of the title race.

On a typically hot, overcast afternoon with temperatures of 31 degrees Celsius (88 Fahrenheit), Hamilton was quickly at the top of the

field with a time of 1:38.921 inside the first 20 minutes.

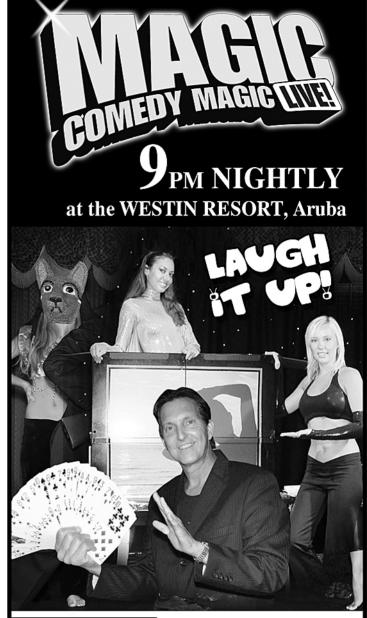
Ricciardo turned heads as he bettered Hamilton's time by seven hundredths of a second, while Webber and Caterham's Heikki Kovalainen narrowly avoided touching wheels as they duelled on a tight right-hander.

Hamilton ran wide on his ninth lap but he came storming back to go fastest and he then lowered the time again to 1:38.617, despite locking a front wheel late in the lap.

Schumacher briefly headed the field around the hour-mark before Hamilton cut his mark by two-hundredths and then lopped it again to 1:38.172, a time that endured the last 20 minutes of the second practice.

Force India's Paul di Resta finished 13th after a braking problem forced him wide early in the session, and then a sideways slide which left him bumping across a wide expanse of grass beside the track.

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NBA: Smith suspended two games for Griffin foul

NEW YORK (AFP) - New Orleans forward Jason Smith was issued a two-game ban by the NBA on Friday for a flagrant foul on Los Angeles Clippers star Blake Griffin, ensuring Smith will not foul him again in a Monday rematch.

NBA vice president Stu Jackson announced the suspension, which came as a result of Smith's actions in a 97-90 New Orleans home victory over the Clippers on Thursday night.

Smith, a 26-year-old American 7-footer, made hard upper body contact with Griffin with 4:06 remaining in the fourth

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As a result, Smith will miss the Hornets' home game on Saturday against San Antonio and Monday's game against the Clippers at Los Angeles.

Smith is averaging 8.7 points and 4.2 rebounds a game

The Hornets are 12-35, last in the Western Conference and third-worst in the 30-team league, while the Clippers are 26-21, three games behind the Los Angeles Lakers in the Pacific division.

Tiger grabs PGA

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At the par-3 17th, he rolled in a 15-footer for birdie to claim sole possession of the lead.

And at the par-4 18th, Woods had a 23-foot birdie putt that struck a grass clump halfway to the hole and rolled just to the right of the cup. Woods made the comeback par putt from 3.5 feet to complete his impressive round.

Woods overshadowed a stellar 63 by McDowell to put himself into contention after opening with a par-72 on Thursday afternoon when greens proved harder to read than they were Friday morning.

"It was a beautiful morning for scoring," McDowell said. "Greens were more receptive than yesterday afternoon. I played well and shot even par and though I should have done better. Today I got it cranked up and made some birdies."

The 2010 US Open champion struggled a bit last year in the aftermath of becoming a major champion.

Serena, Clijsters, Sharapova advance at Miami

MIAMI (AFP) - Serena Williams, saying she felt nervous and rusty, made a triumphant WTA return from a left ankle injury, defeating China's Zhang Shuai 6-2, 6-3 on Thursday at the WTA and ATP Miami hardcourt event.

Fellow former World No. 1 players Kim Clijsters, Maria Sharapova and Caroline Wozniacki also advanced to the third round at the \$9.6 million tournament, which awarded byes in the first round to seeded players.

In her first tournament match since losing in the fourth round at the Australian Open, Williams fired six aces and connected on 64 percent of her first serves while dropping only one service break to advance in 80 minutes.

"I was a little bit rusty and a little bit nervous too," Williams said. "I haven't played here for so long and I wanted to do well. So I was really nervous out there, but I think now I've gotten one under I'll be better."

The 13-time Grand Slam singles champion advanced to a third-round match against Italy's Roberta Vinci, who ousted Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova 7-5, 6-1.

Tenth seed Williams, a five-time winner at Miami, missed the event the past two years because of illness and injury.

"I'm always a little nervous in the first round. I kind of chill out after that," Williams said. "Last time I played I played horrible and I was thinking as long as I don't hit a ball into the stands I'll be good.

"I didn't do that today, so it worked out well for me."

Former World No. 1 Williams played for the US Fed Cup team last month, winning two singles matches in a 5-0 World Group II victory over Belarus.

But she had not been in a tour match since losing to Russia's Ekaterina Makarova in the round of 16 at Melbourne. Williams withdrew before her Brisbane quarterfinal with a sore ankle in her only other WTA start this year.

Williams won a day after her sister, seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams, beat Japan's Kimiko Date-Krumm 6-0, 6-3 in a first-round match.

It was the first WTA event for Venus since she pulled out of last year's US Open with the auto-immune disorder Sjogren Syndrome, which saps her energy and causes pain in her joints.

"It was amazing. I was so happy for her," Serena Williams said of Venus. "She has been through so much and to know you can go through that and continue to play and never give up gave me hope and inspiration.

"I felt like at some points I would give up and she never did. Venus just really inspires me. And not just in tennis but in life in general."

Williams, 46-0 in firstround matches at Grand Slams, improved to 12-0 in Miami openers but praised Chinese wildcard Zhang, saying, "I think she played really well. She's pretty young. She's doing really well."

Russian second seed Sharapova advanced by rallying to defeat Israel's Shahar Peer 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, after two hours and 24 minutes. She denied Peer on 10-of-13 break-point chances while taking half the 10 she earned for herself.

World No. 2 Sharapova lost to top seed and World No. 1 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus in the Indian Wells final last Sunday in her most recent prior match.

Three-time Grand Slam singles champion Sharapova will next face American Sloane Stephens, who ousted Italy's Sara Errani.

Belgium's Clijsters ousted German 14th seed Julia Goerges 6-2, 7-5. The second set saw nine service breaks.

"I don't think there's anybody who plays a whole tournament with perfect tennis, so you have to try and battle through, and find the solutions when you're not playing your best," Clijsters said.

Danish fourth seed Wozniacki opened by ousting Czech Barbora Zahlavova Strycova 6-4, 6-0.



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Golf: Tiger grabs PGA clubhouse lead at Bay Hill



ORLANDO (AFP) - Tiger Woods served notice that he has regained top form with the Masters less than two weeks away, grabbing the clubhouse lead on Friday at the PGA Arnold Palmer Invitational.

The 14-time major champion fired seven birdies in a bogey-free second round of seven-under 65 to finish 36 holes on 10-under 134. Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell and American Jason Dufner shared second on 135, also in the clubhouse.

And Woods didn't even think he played that well on the same Bay Hill course where he has won six prior US PGA titles.

"I putted well. I didn't feel like I hit it all that good," Woods said. "My misses are better, I just played smart all day."

Woods produced his lowest score after 36 holes since the US PGA Buick Open in July of 2009 and did it in his final event before the Masters starts on April 5.

What remains for the former world number one to accomplish, however, is putting together two more great rounds on the weekend and snap his current losing streak in tour-sanctioned events that began in November of 2009.

Woods could own a 36-hole PGA lead for the first time since the 2009 Tour Championship, when he finished second to Phil Mickelson, and he made 18 greens in a row in regulation at an event for the first time since the 2007 US Open.

Woods has won 33 times in 41 events where he has led or shared the lead after 36 holes, including 13 of his past 15 such opportunities.

"I'm going to go out there and hit fairways and greens and try to give myself some chances," Woods said.

The impressive form comes as Woods prepares to resume his pursuit of the all-time record 18 major titles won by Jack Nicklaus in two weeks at Augusta National Golf Club,

where Woods has won four times but not since 2005.

"I don't know if he will win all the majors he wants," said golf legend and tournament host Palmer. "He will win tournaments. And I think he will win another major too."

Woods has not won a tour event since the 2009 Australian Masters, just before the eruption of his infamous sex scandal, although Woods did win the World Challenge event that supports his charity foundation last December.

Injury concerns appear to be behind Woods, with no sign of trouble and the player himself proclaiming good health.

Woods pulled out of the final round of the World Golf Championships event at Doral two weeks ago with a tightness in his left Achilles tendon.

After a week of treatment with what was diagnosed as a strain, Woods played the two-day Tavistock Cup exhibition, a practice round Wednesday and 36 holes of the event with no problems.

Woods, who began the day three strokes off the pace in a share of fourth, birdied four holes in a row starting with the par-5 fourth and including the par-5 sixth and par-3 seventh to begin his charge.

He also birdied both backnine par-5s, the 12th and 16th, to grab a share of the lead. He was 18 inches short on a 50-foot eagle bid at 16 before tapping in for birdie.

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Real Madrid's Pepe, Ozil, hit by bans

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid duo Pepe and Mesut Ozil were on Friday hit with two and one match bans respectively for arguing with a referee, raising pressure on the league leaders as Barcelona snap at their heels.

The Spanish Football Federation also handed a one-match ban to Real's Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho over the bad-tempered 1-1 draw against Villarreal on Wednesday.

Two Real Madrid players got red cards in the closing moments of the match: defender Sergio Ramos for a second yellow card, and Ozil for protesting that decision.

Among angry exchanges involving Real Madrid members, referee Paradas Romero also sent Mourinho to the stands along with his assistant Rui Faria. Pepe insulted Romero, according to Spanish media.

Mourinho received a "one-match ban for a double booking and consequent expulsion" from the touchline, while Faria received a two-match ban, the federation said in a statement.

Ramos escaped a ban in Friday's ruling by the federation's Competition Committee, which listed the sanctions in a regular bulletin released after a meeting on Friday.

The draw allowed Real's fierce rivals Barcelona to close the Madrid team's lead to six points at the top of the Spanish league.

The bans mean Mourinho and German midfielder Ozil will sit out Saturday's league match against Real Socieded in the stands, while Portuguese-Brazilian defender Pepe will miss that game plus the tie away to Osasuna on April 1.

With another 1-1 draw on Saturday at home to Malaga, Real dropped four points in the past week.

Defending champions Barcelona are unbeaten in four games and go to in-form Mallorca today.

Real Madrid's manage-

ment hit out at referee Romero, with its football director Miguel Pardeza accusing him of double standards, in comments published on the club's website on Friday.

"We at the club find it striking and are worried about the referee's different standards," Pardeza said.

"The referee's performance was incredibly rigorous with us, sending off Rui Faria simply for applauding in support of Cristiano Ronaldo. The same goes for Ozil, a kid who is always a clean player" he added

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"We're not addressing the match result, but the referee's attitude towards us, which had him constantly focusing on what was going on in our team's coaching area."

